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## **YOUTH AND TEEN ACTIVITIES AT THE GLENDALE MAIN LIBRARY IN OCTOBER**

**Glendale, Ariz.** —The following free activities for youth and teens will be held in October at the Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St. All the activities are free. For more information and to register, call 623-930-3537 or click the “Library Events” link at [www.glendaleaz.com/library](http://www.glendaleaz.com/library).

### **YOUTH PROGRAMS**

#### **Wee Readers – Tuesdays, Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29**

A storytime designed especially for toddlers 18-36 months and their caregivers that incorporates songs, fingerplays and stories. Held from 10:15 to 10:35 a.m. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

#### **Storytime Express – Tuesdays, Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29**

This storytime program is for preschoolers ages three to six and their caregivers. The program, held 10:45-11:15 a.m., incorporates songs, fingerplays, stories and a short, story-based movie. All children are welcome, but an adult must accompany those under five.

#### **A-B-C Storytime – Tuesdays, Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29**

A child and parent/caregiver program for children from birth to five years. From 6:30-7 p.m., listen to stories, sing songs and engage in guided play with your child to enhance early literacy skills.

#### **Smart Start – Thursdays, Oct. 3, 10, 15, 24 and 31**

Caregivers and children are invited to grow together during this fun, interactive time for children from birth to age 3. The program held 10:30 to 11 a.m. includes songs, stories, activities and early literacy tips.

#### **Midday Movie Madness – Wednesday, Oct. 2**

Come watch “Oz the Great and Powerful” (Rated PG) with us from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. Bring snacks, a stuffed animal and/or a pillow.

#### **Purposeful Play Group – Thursday, Oct. 3**

Interested in socialization, creative play and stimulating brain development for your little one? Join Ms. Gabby, a family educator for Benevilla Family Resource Center, to learn why and how to play with your child to maximize brain and skill development. Guaranteed fun for parents and children ages 1 to 5 from 6 to 7 p.m.

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## **MAIN LIBRARY OCTOBER**

### **Add 1-1-1**

#### **Paws to Read – Saturday, Oct. 5**

Wizardo is a great dog who loves books! He would love to have you read to him. This program is for readers ages 5-18. Sign up for a 15-minute session between 3 and 4 p.m. by calling 623-930-3537.

#### **Crafty Kids – Wednesday, Oct. 16**

Join us for a hands-on arts and crafts experience from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Ages 5-12 can make things that go bump in the night and choose to make ghosts, spiders and other spooky items. Crafty Kids is first come, first served, so check in at the Youth Desk. Younger children may attend with a parent.

#### **Toe-Tapping Thursday – Thursday, Oct. 17**

Sing, clap and dance in this movement and music program held 10:30 to 11 a.m. This fun-filled program is perfect for active 2-6 year-olds and their parents/caregivers. First come, first served.

#### **Not Beary Scary – Tuesday, Oct. 29**

Preschoolers can join us from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. to play fun games, make weird stuff and not be scared! Children can wear their costumes.

#### **STEM @ Your Library**

STEM is an educational initiative featuring science, technology, engineering and mathematics. The following programs were supported with funds granted by the Arizona State Library, Archives, and Public Records Agency, a division of the Arizona Secretary of State, under the Library Services and Technology Act.

#### **STEM @ Your Library: Funky Food Experiments – Wednesday, Oct. 9**

Ages 7-12 are invited to explore the world of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics from 4 to 5 p.m. through experiments with both edible and non-edible funky foods in this hands-on science workshop. Registration is required. Register by calling 623-930-3537, at the youth reference desk or online.

#### **Tiny Builders – Tuesday, Oct. 22**

Little Hands can make big things. Join us for this activity-based story and building program at 10:30 a.m. Tiny Builders is aimed at ages 3-6, but littler builders can join in with a parent's help. The program is first come, first served. STEM is an educational initiative featuring science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

#### **STEM @ Your Library: LEGO Mania – Wednesday, Oct. 23**

Kids ages 5-12 can build LEGO masterpieces from 3:30 to 4:45 p.m. Explore the world of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) with Legos! Create with friends while learning about exciting STEM-related themes like symmetry, motion, and friction. This month will feature "Balancing Act." Registration is required and begins two weeks before the scheduled program. Register by calling 623-930-3537, at the youth reference desk or online.

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## MAIN LIBRARY OCTOBER

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### **TEEN ACTIVITIES**

#### **Zombie Larp III – Saturday, Oct. 26**

The Infected. Rotters. Biters. Lurkers. Skin Puppets. Flesh Eaters. Call them what you want. They're still zombies. The library has become ground zero for the Zombie Apocalypse, and it's up to you and your friends to stop it. Your team will face challenges physical and mental in an all-out NERF war with the walking dead in this after-hours event. Space is limited, and registration begins Oct. 12. Register by calling 623-930-3537, at the youth reference desk or online.

#### **Kearsten's Book Club – Monday, Oct. 28**

Join other teens, ages 12-18, on the fourth Monday of every month from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. to snack, chat and discuss a variety of titles for teens (or of teen interest). You do have to read to attend, so call ahead to register and reserve a copy of the book selection. This month's selection is "Rot and Ruin" by Jonathan Maberry. For more information or to register, email Kearsten at [59Square@gmail.com](mailto:59Square@gmail.com).

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